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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2103)

(As Amended and Passed by the House February 27, 2014)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to supplementary weighting for shared
2 operational functions of school districts and area education
3 agencies and including effective date provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.11, subsection 7, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) In order to provide additional funding to increase
4 student opportunities and redirect more resources to student
5 programming for school districts that share operational
6 functions, ~~a supplementary weighting of two hundredths per~~
7 ~~pupil shall be assigned to pupils enrolled in a district that~~
8 ~~shares with a political subdivision one or more operational~~
9 ~~functions of a curriculum director, school administration~~
10 ~~manager, social worker, school nurse, or school counselor, or~~
11 ~~school librarian, or one or more operational functions in the~~
12 ~~areas of superintendent management, business management, human~~
13 ~~resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance for at~~
14 ~~least twenty percent of the school year shall be assigned a~~
15 supplementary weighting for each shared operational function.
16 A school district that shares an operational function in
17 the area of superintendent management shall be assigned a
18 supplementary weighting of eight pupils for the function. A
19 school district that shares an operational function in the area
20 of business management, human resources, transportation, or
21 operation and maintenance shall be assigned a supplementary
22 weighting of five pupils for the function. A school district
23 that shares the operational functions of a curriculum director
24 or a school counselor shall be assigned a supplementary
25 weighting of three pupils for the function. The additional
26 weighting shall be assigned for each discrete operational
27 function shared. However, a school district may receive the
28 additional weighting under this subsection for sharing the
29 services of an individual with a political subdivision even if
30 the type of operational function performed by the individual
31 for the school district and the type of operational function
32 performed by the individual for the political subdivision are
33 not the same operational function, so long as both operational
34 functions are eligible for weighting under this subsection. In
35 such case, the school district shall be assigned the additional

1 weighting for the type of operational function that the
 2 individual performs for the school district, and the school
 3 district shall not receive additional weighting for any other
 4 function performed by the individual. The operational function
 5 sharing arrangement does not need to be a newly implemented
 6 sharing arrangement to receive supplementary weighting under
 7 this subsection. ~~However, to receive supplementary weighting~~
 8 ~~under this subsection for an ongoing operational function~~
 9 ~~sharing arrangement that began before July 1, 2014, the~~
 10 ~~district shall submit information to the department documenting~~
 11 ~~the cost savings directly attributable to the shared~~
 12 ~~operational functions and describe the district's consideration~~
 13 ~~of additional shared operational functions.~~

14 Sec. 2. Section 257.11, subsection 7, paragraphs c and d,
 15 Code 2014, are amended to read as follows:

16 c. Supplementary weighting pursuant to this subsection
 17 shall be available to a school district for a maximum of
 18 five years during the period commencing with the budget year
 19 beginning July 1, 2014, through the budget year beginning
 20 July 1, 2019. ~~The minimum amount of additional weighting~~
 21 ~~for which a school district shall be eligible is an amount~~
 22 ~~equivalent to ten additional pupils, and the maximum amount~~
 23 ~~of additional weighting for which a school district shall be~~
 24 ~~eligible in a budget year is an amount equivalent to forty~~
 25 ~~twenty-one additional pupils. Receipt of supplementary~~
 26 ~~weighting by a school district pursuant to this subsection~~
 27 ~~for more than one year shall be contingent upon the annual~~
 28 ~~submission of information by the district to the department~~
 29 ~~documenting cost savings directly attributable to the shared~~
 30 ~~operational functions. Criteria for determining the number~~
 31 ~~of years for which supplementary weighting shall be received~~
 32 ~~pursuant to this subsection, subject to the five-year maximum,~~
 33 ~~and for determining qualification of operational functions for~~
 34 ~~supplementary weighting shall be determined by the department~~
 35 ~~by rule, through consideration of long-term savings by the~~

1 ~~school district or~~ increased student opportunities.

2 *d.* Supplementary weighting pursuant to this subsection
 3 shall be available to an area education agency for a maximum of
 4 five years during the period commencing with the budget year
 5 beginning July 1, 2014, through the budget year beginning July
 6 1, 2019. The minimum amount of additional funding for which
 7 an area education agency shall be eligible in a budget year
 8 is ~~fifty~~ thirty thousand dollars, and the maximum amount of
 9 additional funding for which an area education agency shall
 10 be eligible is two hundred thousand dollars. The department
 11 of management shall annually set a weighting for each area
 12 education agency to generate the approved operational sharing
 13 expense using the area education agency's special education
 14 cost per pupil amount and foundation level. ~~Receipt of~~
 15 ~~supplementary weighting by an area education agency for more~~
 16 ~~than one year shall be contingent upon the annual submission~~
 17 ~~of information by the district to the department documenting~~
 18 ~~cost savings directly attributable to the shared operational~~
 19 ~~functions. Criteria for determining the number of years for~~
 20 ~~which supplementary weighting shall be received pursuant~~
 21 ~~to this subsection, subject to the five-year maximum, and~~
 22 ~~the amount generated by the supplementary weighting, and~~
 23 ~~for determining qualification of operational functions for~~
 24 supplementary weighting shall be determined by the department
 25 by rule, through consideration of ~~long-term savings by the area~~
 26 ~~education agency or~~ increased student opportunities.

27 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
 28 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.